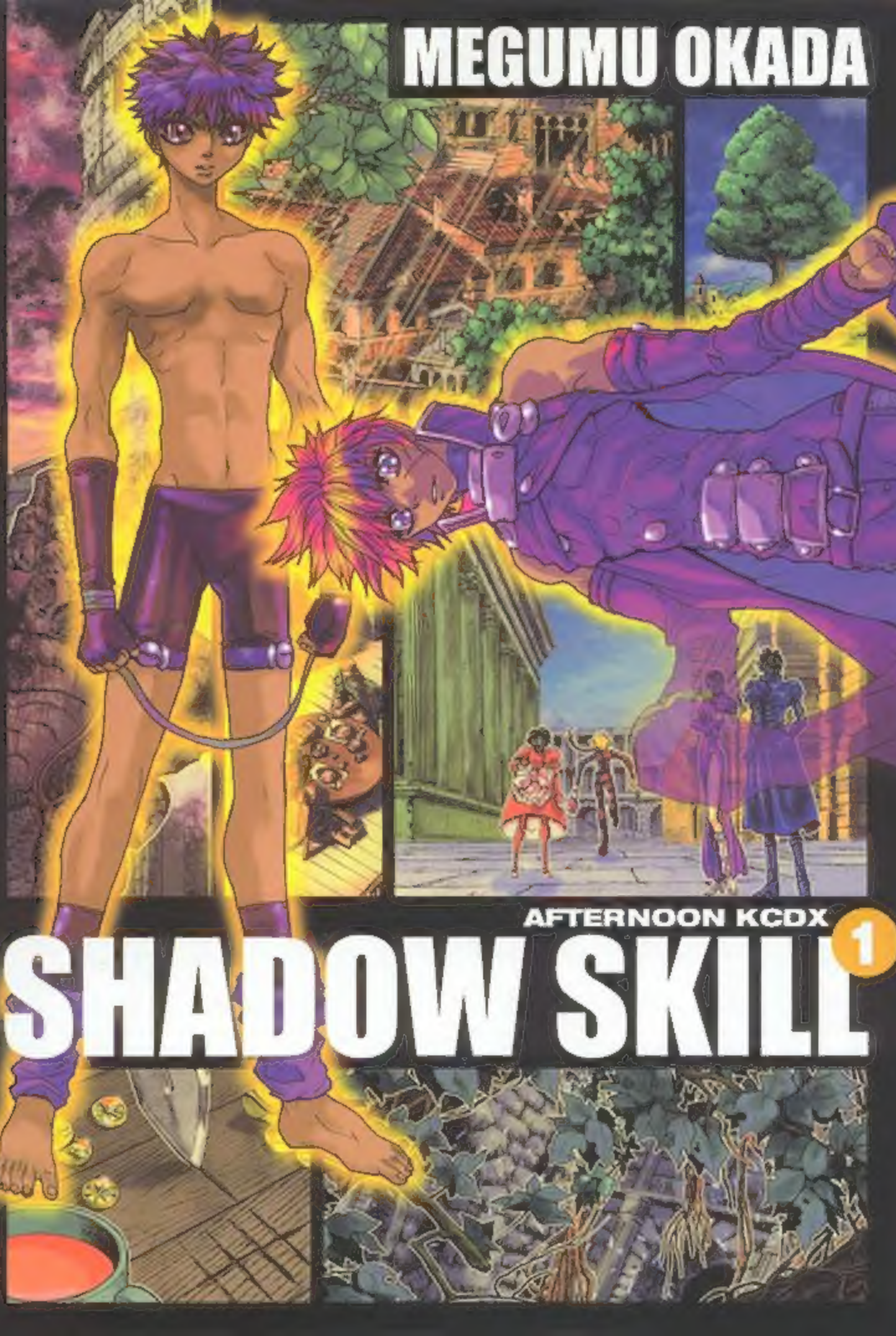
MEGUMU OKADA
AFTERNOON KCDX
SHADOW SKILL
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I'VE ... ALWAYS WONDERED ...
SFX: OOOOOOO (WIND HOWLING)
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WHAT I ... SHOULD DO ... NOT KNOWING, I'VE ALWAYS
SFX: BIKUN (MUSCLES TWITCHING)
DISTRESSED OVER IT ... AND ... FELT VERY AFRAID ...
SFX: ZASHI
SFX: SAAAAA (STRONG WIND)
SFX: MEKII!! (SOUND OF KNUCKLES CRACKING)
BUT ... NOW I'VE FINALLY REALIZED ...
THE LAST WALL I HAVE TO SURPASS WITH A DETERMINED HEART IS ...
SFX: DON

眼前に立ちはだかる美しき獣なんだ

SHADOW SKILL

MEGUMU OKADA
岡田芽武

THE BEAUTIFUL BEAST THAT STANDS --> BEFORE MY EYES BLOCKING MY WAY.

TO BECOME STRONGER THAN ANYONE ELSE, ...

TO HAVE THE COURAGE TO KEEP ON FIGHTING...

BA!

EVEN WHILE CARRYING THE SKILL TO TURN THE BLADE OF THE HEART INTO THE FANGS

THAT PROTECT YOUR LOVED ONES WITH GREAT PRIDE,

SFX: SAAAAA (STRONG WIND)

SURPASS ME

SFX: OOOOO (WIND HOWLING)
I WILL PROVE IT...
MEKII
MEKII!
MEKII
FOR MY SAKE SO THAT I CAN PAVE A DIRECT COURSE ON THE PATH I'M WALKING ON... AND....
SFX: ZUZU
MORE THAN ANYTHING ELSE... FOR YOUR SAKE!!!
KA!!
BIG SFX: BAN!
Black Howling!!
PROVE THAT YOU ARE STRONG BY DEFEATING ME,

SFX: GUWAA
I WILL BECOME THE PERSON YOU WANT ME TO BE... I'LL PROVE IT RIGHT HERE
シャドウ＝スキル
我、汝を倒す
I WILL DEFEAT SHADOW SKILL
エル・ラグ
1 WEEK AGO
YOU'RE READY, RIGHT? ... ELLE
UNDER THE NAME OF THE 59TH SEVARL -:SHADOW SKILL:- ---
SFX: ZAN!
I ACCEPT THIS CHALLENGE !!!
MY SENTIMENT EXACTLY!!!
WE'LL DECIDE IT IN ONE STRIKE...
TTTS

HAA!!
...
DID I...
WIN?
...ELLE...
SFX: GYAAA
YOU LOST!
LET'S DRAW LOTS ONCE AGAIN!!! I CAN'T ADMIT DEFEAT BY JUST A ONE ROUND MATCH!!!
ENOUGH TALK ALREADY, YOU SAID YOU WOULD DO THE SHOPPING IF YOU LOST, DIDN'T YOU?
I ... I DID SAY SO, BUT YOU SEE!!
IT'S FOR BUYING LIQUOR, RIGHT? I'LL DEFINITELY DRINK IT ALL ON THE WAY HOME!!! IT'S AN IMPOSSIBLE TASK FOR ME!!!
UWAAAHH!!! I GOT IIIIITTT!!!
SFX BYUN
SFX: GUWAA

TAKE THE RESPONSIBILITY AND MAKE SURE YOU DO IT PROPERLY, OK!!!
THE REASON WE MUST GO SHOPPING IS BECAUSE ELLE-SAN DRANK ALL THE TAVERN'S LIQUOR!!
SFX: GON!
SFX: HYUOOOOO (WIND HOWLING)
SO PITIFUL...
THIS IS THE MONEY FOR THE LIQUOR. I'VE ALSO INCLUDED A MAP WITH THE DESTINATION ON IT
OKAY, OKAY... I'LL GO SHOPPING... HMPH!!!!
CHEE-- !!
SFX: HUHUM
NO PROBLEM, I'VE ASKED A FAVOR FROM A REGULAR CUSTOMER !!!
REGULAR CUSTOMER ...!?
SFX: ZAN
GRIN
HOHO-- I DON'T THINK THERE EXISTS SOMEONE WHO CAN MAKE THIS ELLE-SAMA TASTE A PAINFUL EXPERIENCE !!!
JUST A WARNING... DON'T TRY DRINKING THE LIQUOR ON THE WAY, OK? IF YOU DO THAT, I'LL HAVE YOU TASTE A PAINFUL EXPERIENCE !!!

YOU SEE... ELLE-SAN ALSO DRANK THE SPECIAL LIQUOR RESERVED FOR SCARFACE-SAN
I'M ON MY WAY!!! BOSS
MAY I KILL HER? BOSS?
I'M CONFIDENT IN MY ABILITY TO MAKE YOU TASTE A PAINFUL EXPERIENCE !!!

* JUST HALF KILL HER, PLEASE?

SFX: GO GO GO (ANGER FLAMING)

SFX: SAAAA (WIND)

SFX: GO!

舞刃
BOOMERANG
ブーメラン
RAH!
KURUDA FIGHTING STYLE, SHADOW SKILL!!!!
SFX: BO!
HAR-
KEN
SFX: BA!
SFX: GON!
WHAT'S WRONG!? IS THAT ALL, GAU!!?
GUH!!!
BAKIN!
N... NOT YET! HERE I COME!!!
SFX: OO
SFX: GOOOOOOO (RUNNING WATER)

SFX HYUN
EH
AH!!
SFX GON!
GYA!!
SFX SHUOOOO
COME, GAU. LET'S GO SHOPPING WITH BIG SISTER
IGNOR-ING THE WILL OF THE PERSON HIMSELF ...
TODAY'S PRACTICE ENDS HERE!!
SFX ZURU (DRAGGING SOUND)
BYE BYE
MY BIG SISTERS WERE SOMEHOW LIKE THAT BUT ..... WHAT A SCARY BIG SISTER SHE IS .....
TACK
ARA?

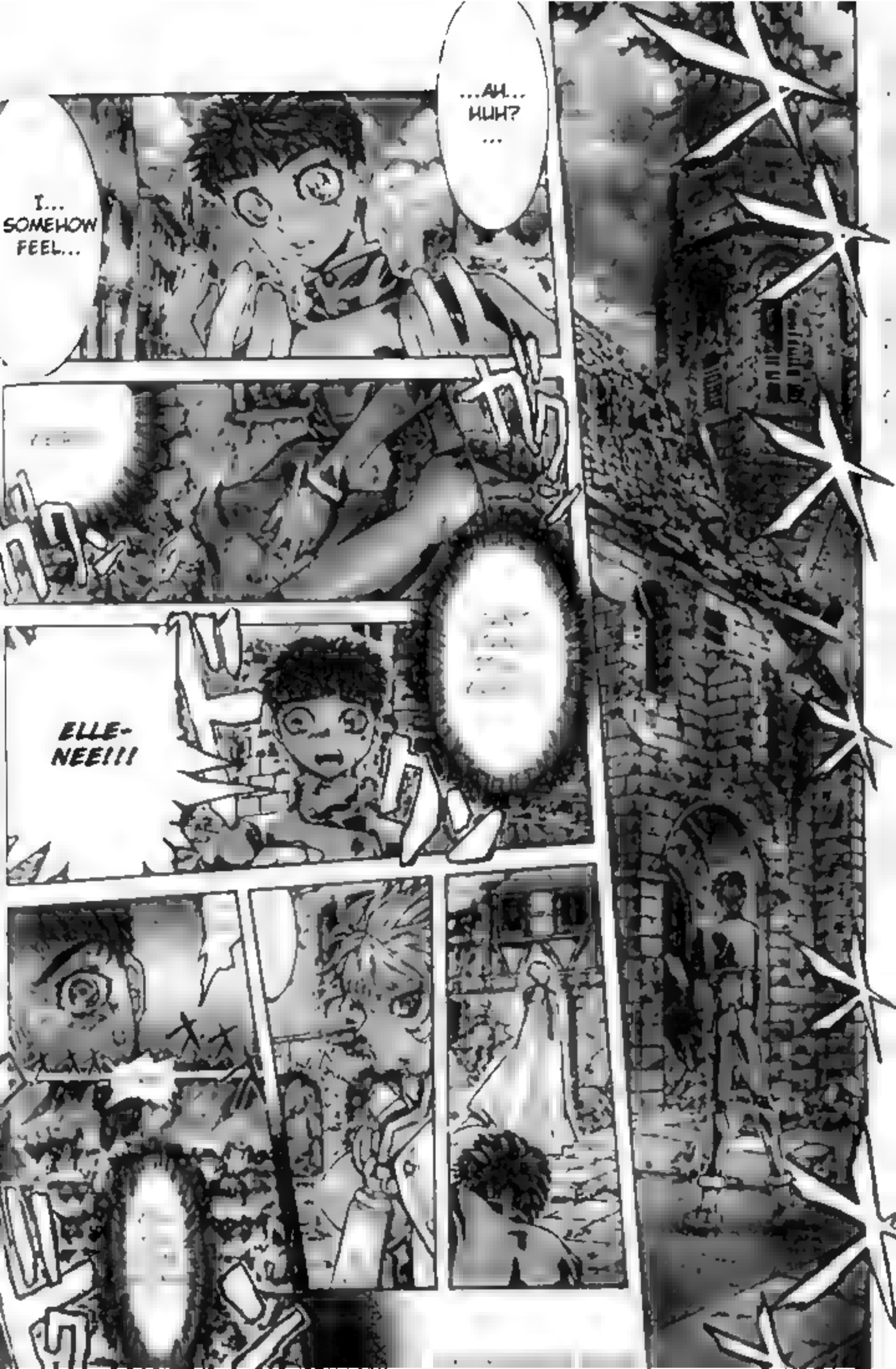
AH, GAU... IF YOU'RE LOOKING FOR HIM,
BYE BY---E
HE WAS ABDUCTED JUST A WHILE AGO
HUH?
...ELLE -NEE ...?
SFX SAPA
I THOUGHT YOU SAID YOU WERE GOING TO PRACTICE ALL OUT TODAY WITH GAU-KUN. WHERE DID GAU-KUN GO?
WHAT HAPPENED, LOWE-SAN? IS THE PRACTICE OVER ALREADY?

STRANGE ..
WHERE DID SHE GO? SHE SAID WE WOULD STAY HERE FOR THE NIGHT...
THIS IS STRANGE!! ELLE-NEE SHOWS NO REACTION FOR THE WORD LIQUOR!!!
(SUDDEN HEARTBEAT)
DID SOMETHING HAPPE- .... NO WAY!!!
COULD IT BE THAT SHE RAN AWAY WITH THE MONEY FOR LIQUOR!!?
SFX HYU!
IF YOU DON'T COME QUICKLY, I'LL EAT THEM ALL, OK!?
ELLE-NEE--!! I GOT GOOD LIQUOR AND MEAT FROM NEARBY VILLAGE ---!?

URK!
I DON'T DO SUCH THINGS!!!
JUST THE USUAL REACTION THOUGH
SOR-RY.
YOU'RE BECOMING JUST LIKE FAIRY LATELY!!
HM?
ELLE-NEE, ...AREN'T THESE... CEREMONIAL CLOTHES?
OR SHALL WE GET CHANGED TOGETHER ? ♥
I'M GOING TO THE OTHER SIDE .....
OH WELL, ANYWAY GET CHANGED INTO THIS!!
EH? WHY? I WASHED THESE CLOTHES JUST TODAY
JUST DO IT!!! I'M GONNA GET CHANGED TOO!!!

HERE, SEE. I PICKED THEM UP AS I WENT FETCHING THESE CLOTHES.
VERY NICE, AREN'T THEY?
YES, ... BUT WHAT'S GOING ON?
ISN'T IT FORBIDDEN TO WEAR THE FORMAL ATTIRE EXCEPT IN SPECIAL STATE CEREMONIES ..?
--- THE FORMAL ATTIRE OF A SEVAAR!!?
ELLE-NEE!!?
HO, LOOKS LIKE IT FITS YOU PERFECTLY!!
IT SUITS YOU WELL!!

THE MOST IMPORTANT PLACE FOR YOU AND ME.
IT IS A SPECIAL TIME AND PLACE. YOU KNOW THIS PLACE IS..
MY AND ELLE-NEE'S ...?
REMEMBER?
SOON.. YOU'LL REMEM-BER
FIRST OF ALL, FOLLOW ME.. YOU'LL SOON UNDER-STAND
AH


...AH... HUH? ...
I... SOMEHOW FEEL...
ELLE-NEE!!!

THEN BE PREPARED
THAT TIME... I WAS... SO SMALL...
I FELT NOTHING
BUT... NOW I KNOW...
I THOUGHT NOTHING BUT KILLING... I SAW NOTHING
!!!

THE PLACE WHERE FATHER AND MOTHER ... DIED ... AND
...THIS IS MY VILLAGE...
THE PLACE WHERE I BECAME ELLE-NEE'S LITTLE BROTHER..
BUT YOU'VE BATTLED AGAINST A LOT OF FIGHTERS AND LEARNED MANY THINGS...
WONDERING IF YOU WILL REVERT BACK INTO BEING A BEAST AGAIN.. IF YOU COME HERE...
...YOU KNOW... I'VE ALWAYS HESITATED
YOU SHOULD BE ABLE TO WIN AGAINST THE BEAST'S HEART WITHIN YOURSELF
YOU SHOULD BE ABLE TO FACE IT. BECAUSE YOU ARE A MAN WHO MAKES WAVES
THAT ALL IS BECOMING -:COURAGE:- WITHIN YOU

I BELIEVE SO, THAT'S WHY I'LL LET YOU MEET.
..
MEET. WHOM .?
THAT'S WHY YOU DON'T REMEMBER. THAT I MEASURED YOUR HEIGHT AND MADE A MARK ON THIS TREE ..
?
YOU WERE. SO SMALL, SO FRAIL..
YOU WON'T BECOME THE BEAST FOR THE SECOND TIME EVEN IF YOU COME HERE.
THAT'S WHY WE CAME TO THIS IMPORTANT PLACE

I BURIED YOUR MOTHER AND FATHER UNDER THIS TREE
AND THEN.. WHILE YOU WERE FALLING ASLEEP .. HERE...
FATHER'S AND MOTHER'S ... GRAVE ..
... SO THIS TREE IS...
ELLE-NEE!! THAT FORMAL ATTIRE .. DON'T TELL ME ...!?
!!

THE ONES WHO SLEEP HERE ARE YOUR PRECIOUS PARENTS, RIGHT? IF SO...
ISN'T IT OBVIOUS THAT THEY ARE ALSO PRECIOUS TO ME? ...SINCE MY BIG BROTHER HAS BECOME YOUR BIG BROTHER..
YOUR PARENTS ARE MY FATHER AND MOTHER..
ELLE-NEE ...
...IN THESE THREE YEARS I HAVEN'T GREETED YOU PROPERLY EVEN ONCE
NICE TO MEET YOU. I AM YOUR -:DAUGHTER:-
A NO-GOOD DAUGHTER WHO KNOWS NOTHING BUT FIGHTING. THAT'S WHY ---

I WON'T ASK FOR FORGIVENESS
FOR WHAT I'M GOING TO DO FROM NOW ON...
EH?
THE FORMAL ATTIRE IS TO BE WORN WHEN A SEVAAR, AS A STATE REPRESENTATIVE, ATTENDS A CEREMONY BEARING THE NAME OF KURUDA
HOWEVER. BESIDES THAT, THERE ARE EXCEPTIONS WHEN WEARING IT IS PERMITTED.
AT THE TIME WHEN AN EXCEPTION OCCURS, A SEVARL'S WORDS ARE EQUAL IN AUTHORITY TO THOSE OF JULIANESS HOLY KNIGHTS

THIS IS KURUDA'S NATIONAL SYMBOL?
-:CRIMSON HEART SYMBOL:-, EQUAL TO THE HOLY KNIGHTS' -:OLD CODEX:-
ACTS...? WHAT ARE YOU GOING TO DO...
A SEVAAR SPILLS HIS BLOOD ON THIS SYMBOL AND THEN ACTS

THIS IS ...!! SERIOUS ...

SFX GOU!

SFX BAGAN

IT CAN'T BE COMPARED WITH WHEN WE PRACTICED !!!

!!!

A SIMPLE FRONT KICK HOLDS THIS MUCH POWER!! SO THIS IS ---

!!

DIDN'T I SAY IT, GALL... I...

ELLE RAGU'S MENACING TRUE POWER!!!

A SEVAAR'S... NO, THE 59TH SEVAAR'S -=SHADOW SKILL=-,

THE ONLY THING THAT A PERSON LIKE ME CAN DO IS ---

FIGHT

THE REWARD FROM JULIANESS FOR BEING THE HOLY KINGDOM GUARDIAN...
PAYING FOR KISHURANA FOREST BASE'S FUND...
... ACTUALLY THIS SHOULD HAVE BEEN A JOB FOR THE SEVAAR, BUT
!
NEXT IS GIVING INSTRUC-TIONS TO THE SOLDIERS STATIONED IN VARIOUS PLACES, IS IT...

AS A TOKEN OF GRATITUDE .. HOW ABOUT TAKING A BREAK?
I MADE YOU DO THE BOOKS THAT ELLE'S BEEN NEGLECTING
WHY DON'T YOU EAT YOUR WIFE'S HAND-MADE COOKING ONCE IN A WHILE?
RIGHT, THANKS..
HM?
..HEY...

DEAR... WHAT'S THE PURPOSE OF YOUR COMING HERE THIS TIME?
...TO SEE YOU
BUT... UMM..
... EH... TH... THANKS
.....!
DID YOU COME HERE TO CONVEY TO US, NO... TO 59TH SEVAAR -SHADOW SKILL-
...YOU'RE MEAN!!
...
THAT'S WHAT YOU'RE THINKING, RIGHT?
SOMEKIND OF EDICT FROM THE HOLY KINGDOM..

IF IT'S NOT ABOUT HER LIVING AS A HUMAN BUT ABOUT A WOLF LIVING AS A WARRIOR
...IT'S THE TRUTH. I WANTED TO SEE YOU... BUT
AS A LAZALEM, IT'S ALSO TRUE THAT I HAVE BUSINESS WITH ELLE-SAN
IT'S THE FIRST TIME I HEAR ABOUT AN EDICT COMING FROM THE HOLY KINGDOM ...
I CAN'T TELL YOU THE CONTENT... BUT
I DON'T KNOW... SUCH THING... BUT
YOU MUST UNDER-STAND. ...YOU WHO'VE LIVED ALONG WITH HER .....

BARING THE BEAUTIFUL .. YET GIVING OFF A SAD COLOR FANGS IS THE ONLY THING SHE CAN DO
THE FAINTLY SHINING -:FANGS:- THAT DWELL WITHIN THAT GREAT PROUD SOUL

WHAT SHOULD I DO? ELE-NEE . NO
WHAT ARE YOU DOING? ...
UNABLE TO DO ANYTHING BUT BLOCK, AGAINST SUCH A PETTY KICK...
THE 59TH SEVAAR SHADOW SKILL S SERIOUS
GAU... I'M SERIOUS...
SHE SER-OUSLY ---
MONSTROUS DESTRUCTIVE POWER!!
UNBE-LEVABLE .. A SINGLE BLOW CAUSED THIS MUCH DAMAGE... WHAT...
SFX DUKU
HAA!

KILL ME
IF YOU KEEP HESITATING, I'LL KILL YOU
INTENDS TO

HAA...
HAA...!!
HAAA
KAHAA...!!
<SFX> MEKI!
THE "MARK OF THE BLADE SCAR" ... .. SO YOU'RE FINALLY GETTING SERIOUS, HUH
I WILL STAND UP!!!
STAND UP

WHAT ARE YOU DOING? ARE YOU ... PLANNING TO DIE WITHOUT A FIGHT?
THAT SISTER IS COMING TOWARD ME WHILE BARING HER FANGS ..
ARE YOUR FEET JUST ORNAMENTS? WHAT'S YOUR SHADOW SKILL FOR, HUH?
IF YOU TELL ME TO "STAND UP" . .... "FIGHT"
STOP STAGGERING. GATHER YOUR STRENGTH AND STAND UP. DON'T BE KNOCKED OUT BY JUST ONE KICK HOW CAN YOU BE CALLED AS A SOLDIER OF KURUDA
MY BIG SISTER WHO BEARS THE GREAT PROUD FANGS IN HER "SOUL" !!!
THE BLACK-WINGED BIG BROTHER WHO HAD THROWN OUT HIS LIFE FOR MY SAKE ..... AND
THOSE WORDS WERE ENGRAVED INTO MY "SOUL" DEEP WITHIN MY HEART BY TWO PEOPLE WHO HAVE SAVED MY LIFE MANY TIMES.
A SOLDIER OF KURUDA KNOWS NO DEFEAT !!!

JUST
PERFECT
HEH
I CAN ONLY ANTICIPATE ELLE-NEE'S ATTACK AND FIND AN OPENING IN HER MOVE .....!!
NEVER ONCE HAVE I WON AGAINST ELLE-NEE!!! THE ONLY THING I CAN DO IS. . . TO PUT THE FACT THAT WE' ARE BOTH SHADOW SKILL USERS INTO MAXIMUM USE
WHAT A COERCION!!! BUT. . . IF I STEP BACK, I'LL BE KILLED
I MUST ADVANCE
<SFX> BA!

IT IS INEVITABLE ..... BECAUSE BOTH OF YOU HAVE THE POLISHED UP, SHINING BRIGHTLY FANGS INTENDED FOR HURTING PEOPLE
TO YOU WHO WERE BORN TO LIVE AS A "TIGER" AND CONTINUOUSLY FIGHT, YOU CAN DO NOTHING BUT TO HURT YOUR LOVED ONES.....
JUST LIKE ME..... THAT IS.....

HEEY
I'M TRYING TO UNDERSTAND THAT THE CONTENT OF AN EDICT FROM THE HOLY KINGDOM MUST NOT BE REVEALED
BUT
<SFX> TA!
JUST TELL ME ONE THING... ELLE... NO. THOSE TWO HAVE BEEN ALWAYS FIGHTING, RISKING THEIR LIVES ..
THAT IS YOUR DESTINY, ELLE RAG

BECAUSE THEY ARE FIGHTING WOLVES WITH THE FANGS. SO TELL ME.....
EVEN IF UNKNOWN TO ME, THOSE TWO FIGHT A BATTLE AND LOSE THEIR LIVES..... IT CAN'T BE HELPED
HAVE TO BE PREPARED TO LOSE THOSE TWO?
DO I .....
YOU SHOULD BE..... PREPARED
EVEN IF THE HOLY KINGDOM DIDN'T ISSUE THE EDICT - SOMEDAY IT'LL TURN OUT LIKE THIS. ALL IS HERS TO DECIDE
..... I THINK .....

HER FIGHTING NAME "SHADOW SKILL"
THE VOCATION THAT'S ENGRAVED IN THAT NAME MOVES HER.
THE NAME "SHADOW SKILL"
VOCATION?
TO MAKE A PREDICTION, I MUST COMMENCE FIRST TO LURE OUT HER MOVE
INITIA-TIVE!!
WITH QUICK FEINT ATTACKS, MAKE HER COUNTER-ATTACK
!!!

EE-
YAH !!
<KAN-JI> BOOMERANG
DISTRACT HER WITH UPPER AND LOWER ATTACKS !!!
SHE STEPPED BACK!! SHE TOOK THE DISTANCE NEEDED TO UNLEASH A POWERFUL MOVE!!!
FOLLOW UP ATTACKS!! MAKE HER DEFEND AND CREATE AN OPENING!
THEN THROW A DECISIVE BLOW AT THAT OPENING!!

死流怒
<KANJI> SHIELD
!!
.....!?
YOU'RE MAKING A WRONG CHOICE! THERE'S NO NEED TO GUARD AGAINST SUCH A COWARDICE MOVE
HOW ARE YOU PLANNING TO DEFEAT A SEVARL, THE SYMBOL OF FEAR?
THAT'S NOT GOOD. YOU'RE TAKING SEVARLS TOO LIGHTLY ..!
SHE DIDN'T DODGE!!

DON'T UNDER-ESTIMATE US,
BOY
WHILE SEVARLS PUT ALL SOLDIERS IN AWE,
THERE'S A REASON WHY THEY RECEIVE THE GREATEST HONOR ... THAT LIES
IN THE "LEGEND" THAT RISES FROM THEIR "FIGHTING NAMES"

THE ORIGIN OF
A SEVARL'S FIGHTING NAME?
FIGHTING BATTLES THAT ARE BECOMING TALES. SURELY, THEY ARE
LIVING "LEGENDS"
THEY ARE TRAINING DILIGENTLY THAT POWER THEY ARE BORN WITH SO THEY POSSESS THE ABILITY TO TRANSCEND OTHERS AND
PEOPLE KNOW THAT UP UNTIL THE 58TH, ALL SEVARLS HAVE "LEGENDS" THAT BECOME THEIR SANCTUARY
BUT
THEIR STRENGTHS EXIST IN SANCTUARIES THAT NO ONE CAN REACH OUT NO MATTER HOW HE PURSUES
THERE'S NO "SANCTUARY LEGEND" FOR THE 59TH
TO WIN A LEGENDARY BATTLE . AND SAVE THE HOLY KINGDOM FROM HARM
BUT . .
THERE ARE ONLY TWO CONDITIONS WHERE ONE CAN BECOME A SEVARL. TO WIN AT THE KURUDA MARTIAL ARTS TOURNAMENT, OR
THERE'S NO ORIGIN TO THE FIGHTING NAME FOR ELLE RAG
WHY IS SHE "SHADOW SKILL"?

THE MYSTERIOUS SHADOW SKILL WAS BORN.
THE KURUDA KING EVA STOLLA AND THE HOLY QUEEN LILVERT LU BIJOUX, BOTH ALSO STAYED IN SILENCE AS THE APPOINTMENT CEREMONY PROCEEDED . .. AND THUS
SHE WON THE TOURNAMENT AFTER SHE HAD BECOME A SEVARL .....
IT'S BECAUSE ELLE IS GOOD AT SHADOW SKILL THAT SHE'S CALLED LIKE THAT, RIGHT? I DON'T THINK THERE'S A DEEPER MEANING
B . BUT!!
THE "EDICT" THIS TIME . HAS SOME RELATIONS WITH ELLE RAG'S UNTOLD PAST .
THERE'S A RUMOR IN THE PALACE .....
IF IT IS THE KEY TO ELLE RAG'S HIDDEN PAST AND TO LOOK FOR HER "SANCTUARY"
WHETHER THE FIGHTING NAME "SHADOW SKILL" DOESN'T COME FROM THE KURUDA'S FIGHTING TECHNIQUE SHADOW SKILL . . IF IT REPRESENTS SOMETHING SIMILAR YET DIFFERENT .. .
EVEN WHEN SHE WAS APPOINTED AS A SEVARL, THERE'S NO OFFICIAL ANNOUNCEMENT STATING THE REASON FOR THE APPOINTMENT BY THE KURUDA GOVERNMENT

. . .NO GOOD.. .. MY MOVES HAVE NO EFFECTS AT ALL..... HALF-HEARTED ATTACKS ARE USELESS!!!
GATHER ALL MY STRENGTH .....AND STRIKE!!!
AND HAS THE MEANING OF SOMEONE WHO KNOWS THE CONCEALED "SHADOW" .....

KURUDA'S FIGHTING TECHNIQUE EIMONSHI-SATSUGI "RAPIER"

<KANJI> "KAGERYUU"

影流

KURUDA'S FIGHTING TECHNIQUE

KANJI COUGAR
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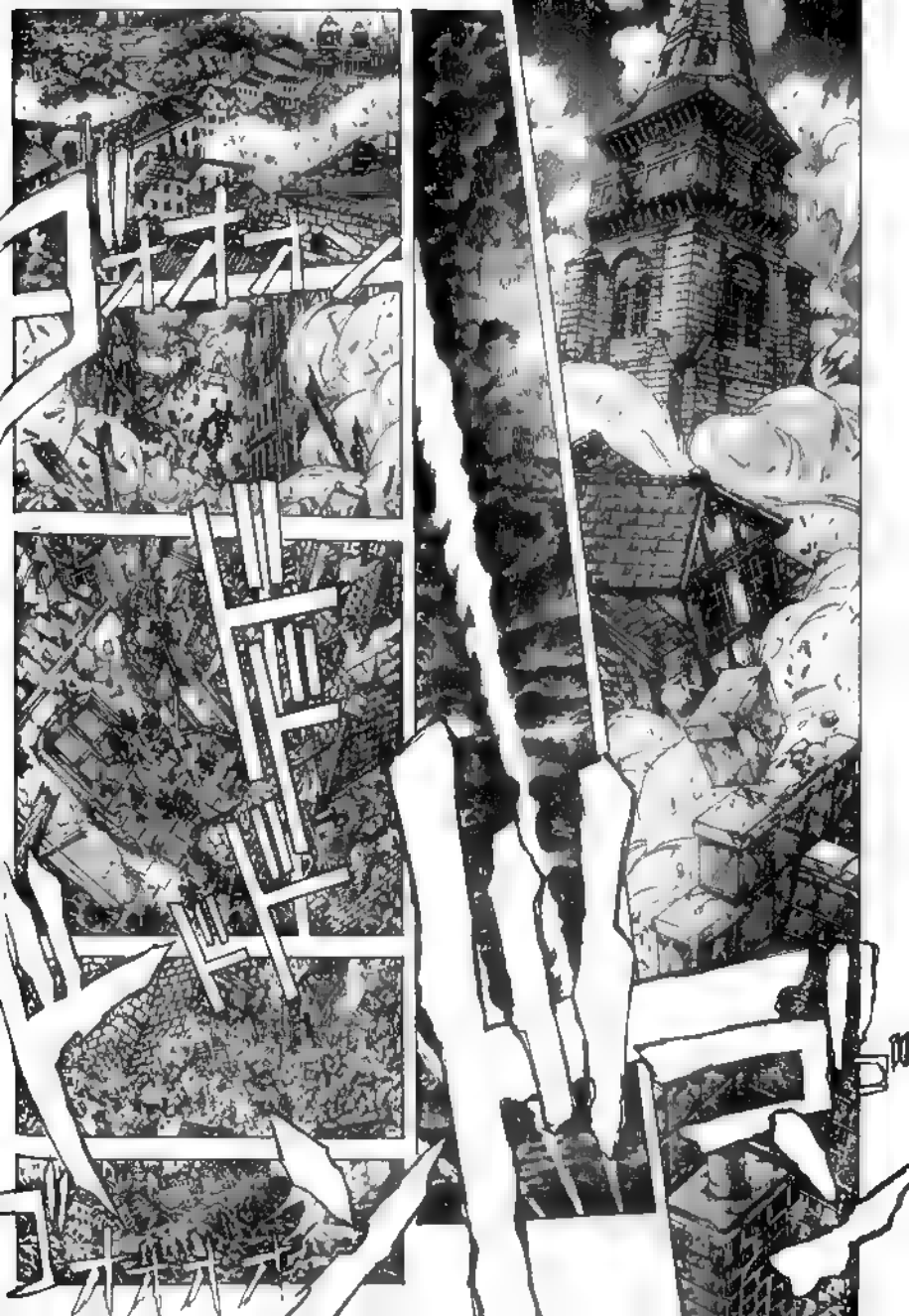
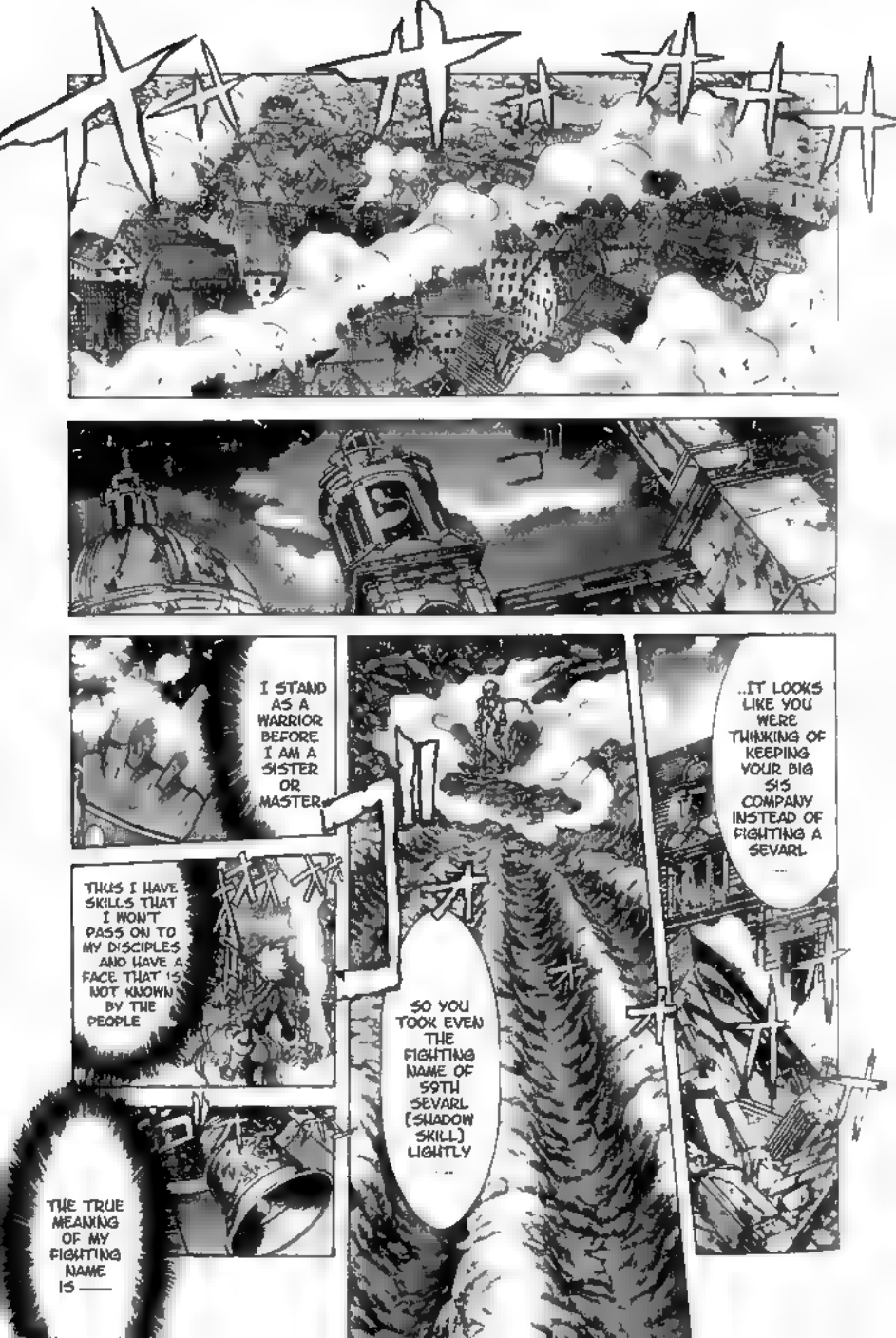



I STAND AS A WARRIOR BEFORE I AM A SISTER OR MASTER
..IT LOOKS LIKE YOU WERE THINKING OF KEEPING YOUR BIG SIS COMPANY INSTEAD OF FIGHTING A SEVARL ...
THUS I HAVE SKILLS THAT I WON'T PASS ON TO MY DISCIPLES AND HAVE A FACE THAT IS NOT KNOWN BY THE PEOPLE
SO YOU TOOK EVEN THE FIGHTING NAME OF 59TH SEVARL [SHADOW SKILL] LIGHTLY ...
THE TRUE MEANING OF MY FIGHTING NAME IS ——

ヒュオオオオ
THE ONE WHO KNOWS THE SKILL OF THE SEALED SHADOW.

...NO... IT'S COMP-LETELY... DIFFERENT...
THE COUGAR USED BY LEN FUUMA BEFORE... CAN'T EVEN BE COMPARED TO...
THAT TERRIFYING DESTRUCTIVE POWER
WHY. DID ELLE-NEE USE INRYUU. WHY!!? I HAVE TO FIND OUT...
. NO USE... CAN'T. MOVE... ANY. MORE...
SO THIS IS [DEATH]

OPEN YOUR EYES, GAU BAN
DON'T DIE YET .....
BY LEAPING BACKWARD AND DIMINISHING ITS DESTRUCTIVE POWER.
WHICH IS MANY TIME STRONGER THAN LEN FUUMA'S, ELLE RAG'S PERFECT COUGAR
WELL DONE. I SAY I KNOW YOU HAVE FACED IT ONCE BEFORE, BUT TO TAKE UPON AN INRYUU KILLER BLOW.
THE TRUE [WOLF] THAT BEARS FANGS IN HIS SOUL.
WHAT A TERRIFYING POTENTIAL YOU HAVE..... NO DOUBT, YOU ARE AS I HAVE ANTICIPATED.

BUT THAT ALONE IS NOT ENOUGH .....
TO FIGHT AGAINST THAT ELLE RAG... YOU HAVE TO HAVE THE SKILL.
YOU HAVE TO ENGRAVE THE SKILL OF DARKNESS IN YOUR PERSON...
YOU HAVE THE [FANG] TO INHERIT THE SKILL OF DARKNESS.
AWAKEN, GAU BAN.
IF YOU ARE WILLING, I WILL ENGRAVE THAT SKILL INTO YOUR SOUL.
TO BECOME THE STRONGEST LIVING BEING IN THE WORLD..... ACCEPT THE BATTLE SKILL THAT GAVE BIRTH TO ME.
AWAKEN AND LOOK AT ME
THEN....

ENGRAVE MY BEING INTO YOUR [SOUL].
YOUR FATHER'S.
MY FIGHTING NAME IS [SHERE KAHN], THE FOUNDER OF INRYUU.

TO THE 59TH SEVARL [SHADOW SKILL] ELLE RAG,
I'M HER MASTER ON THE PATH OF FISTS.

MY FATHER AND MOTHER PUT THEIR ALL TO RAISE ME TILL THE MOMENT THEY DIED IN THE BANDITS' RAID....
THERE'S NO WAY YOU ARE MY FATHER ...!!
...THAT ...MUST BE A LIE...
IT'S NOT A LIE.
GAU BAN ... THE PARENTS THAT RAISED YOU WERE JUST THE ONES I ENTRUSTED TO TAKE CARE OF MY BABY, YOU
HOW COULD SOMEONE LIKE YOU BE BORN FROM MERE COMMON-ERS?
YOU ARE SOMEONE WHOSE LIFE IS GOVERNED BY HEAVEN'S DESTINY

YOU ARE BORN TO DESTROY THE WARRIOR KINGDOM KURUDA'S LEGENDARY RECORD OF 2000 YEARS OF INVINCIBILITY .....
AND THEN WILL LIVE TO SUCCEED THE MARTIAL ART THAT HAS BEEN LOST IN THE SHADOW OF HISTORY.
THE ONE WHO ENGRAVES THE SOUL OF THE [SHADOW]
COME .... RETURN TO MY SIDE, GAU BAN ..... TAKE THIS HAND.
I WILL PASS ON ALL I HAVE TO YOU THE ART THAT IS PURSUED BY HUMANS TO BECOME THE STRONGEST LIVING BEING.
THE STRONGEST MARTIAL ART ON EARTH.
IF YOU INHERIT INRYUU. KURUDA'S LEGENDARY RECORD OF INVINCIBILITY CAN BE DESTROYED — AND THEN

...IT STINKS... THE SMELL OF A BEAST .....
A HUI-LEM, HUH?
FROM MY RIGHT HAND,
COME FORTH, SIX OF YOU.

DEVOURING BEAST DEMONS
CONTROLLING SIX DEMON BEASTS AT THE SAME TIME. THIS PERSON IS PRETTY GOOD..

KURUDA'S FIGHTING TECHNIQUE
INRYUU KUDENZETSUMEIWAZA!!
HAH!!!
REIA
TRY TO LAY A HAND ON MY MASTER AND I'LL KILL YOU!
FROM MY RIGHT HAND, COME FORTH,
PRO-TECTING BEAST DEMON!

HE ALREADY CALCULATED THAT THE DEMON BEAST WOULD DIE AND USED THE DUST AFTER ITS DEATH AS SMOKESCREEN — FURTHER-MORE,
HE GOT AWAY... HE'S QUITE GOOD.
WITHIN THAT SPLIT SECOND, HE SNATCHED AWAY BLACK HOWLING!!
THERE'S STILL CHANCE WE'LL MEET HIM AGAIN AND THERE'S MORE IMPORTANT THINGS TO WORRY ABOUT
NO NEED TO AFTER HIM .... LEN.
!!
YOU'RE STILL IN RECOVERY EVEN FOR PROTECTING ME, I DON'T WANT YOU TO BE RECKLESS.
REIA'S RANGE IS NOT AS LONG AS COUGAR, BUT FOR A SHORT RANGE, ITS ATTACK POWER IS IMMENSE. . .
.....!!

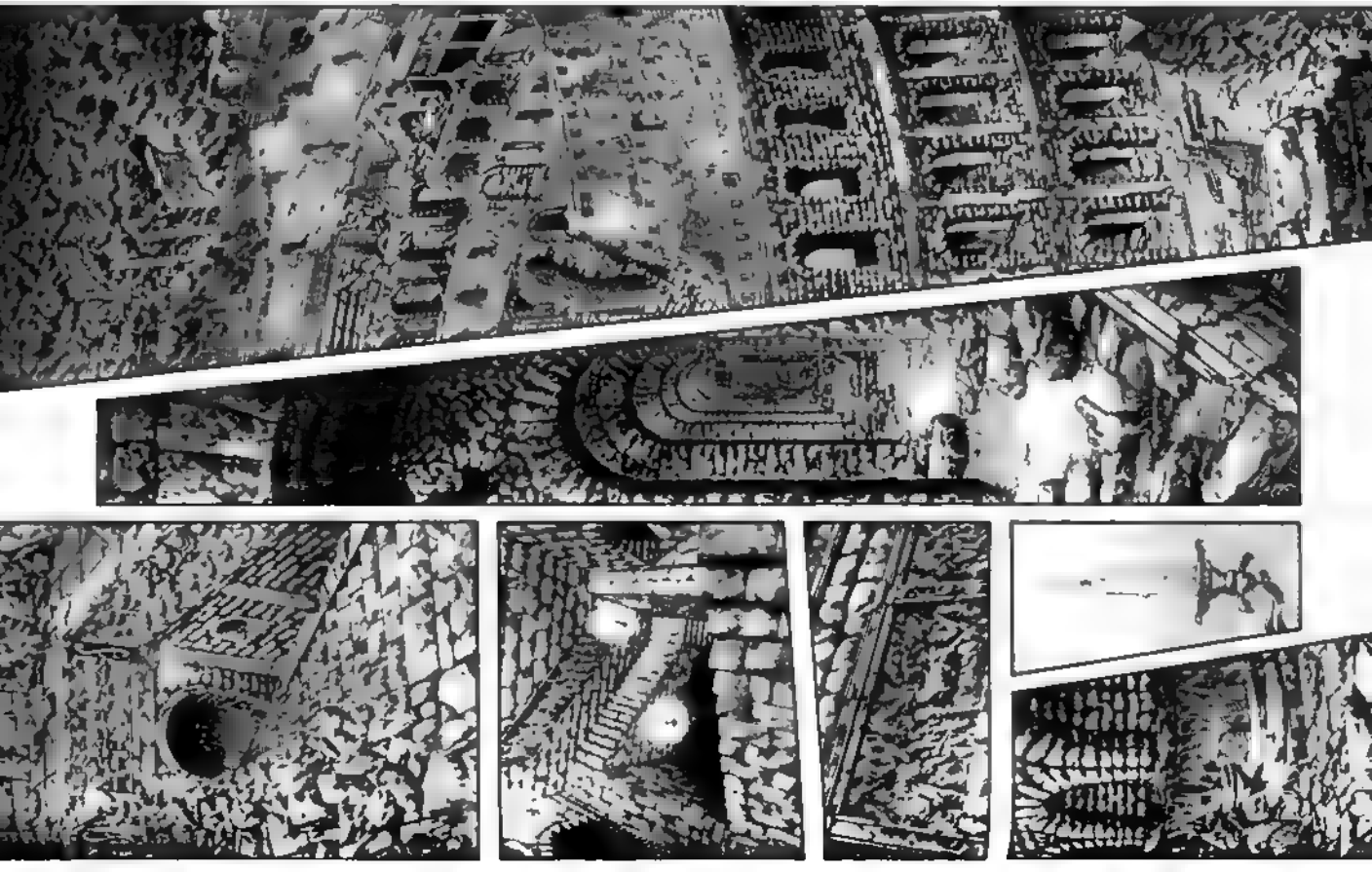
I LIVE FOR YOUR SAKE, MASTER.
.....I'M OKAY, MASTER. I'M YOUR FAITHFUL SUBORDINATE .. I WON'T EVER LET ANYONE HURT YOU EVEN FOR A LITTLE BIT ..
BY THE WAY, MASTER..... I'VE PREPARED DINNER OF SOUP AND BREAD WILL YOU EAT?
THE DESSERT IS PEAR TART
I'LL EAT.
... ..UH ....AH .....
.....

DON'T DIE, KID.
AFTER THIS, GHANA-SAMA CAME TO YOUR RESCUE.
FROM MY RIGHT HAND,
COME FORTH!

HEALING BEAST DEMON.
THE BLOOD OF THIS STEEL BODIED BEAST DEMON HAS INFINITESIMAL MAGICAL POWER. ..
.....MY JOB IS TO BRING THIS KID AND DELIVER HIM.....
IF INFUSED INTO THE BODY, IT CAN AID HUMAN'S HEALING SYSTEM ...
IT DIDN'T STATE THAT HE HAD TO BE UNHURT, THOUGH. WELL, I'LL CONSIDER THE HEALING AS A FREE SERVICE THEN.

ANYWAY, I HAVE DELIVERED HIM TO YOU ALIVE.....
SCAR-FACE.
YEAH..... MY GRATITUDE ..... [WEDGE].
NO NEED FOR GRATITUDE. MY CONTRACT AS A MERCENARY OF SOULFAN IS A THING OF PAST NOW .... IT'S ENOUGH IF I GOT THE MONEY. ....
TO ME, IT ONLY MEANS THAT NOW KURUDA IS MY EMPLOYER.
ANYWAY ... LET ME GO BACK FIRST.
[WEDGE].

IS THE REASON YOU DIDN'T RENEW YOUR CONTRACT WITH SOULFAN..... TO PAY BACK YOUR DEBT TO ELLE RAG?
NOISY OLD MAN, AREN'T YOU? DON'T KNOW IF YOU'RE SUPPOSED TO BE A HERO OR SOMETHING, BUT. . ..
SOMEONE WHO PRIES AND PLOTS IN THE DARK IS BOUND TO HAVE NOT A PLEASANT DEATH, YOU KNOW.
SO TAKE CARE, OK.....
HOW TRUE.



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THE PAIN IS..... SUB-SIDING ?
AH ...
MY HAIR HAS GROWN LONGER ... WHAT ON EARTH ..
WHAT... HAD HAP-PENED
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THIS IS?
SCAR-FACE.....
NO. YOU'RE WRONG. THE ONE WHICH HELPED YOU IS.
YOU'RE THE ONE... WHO HELPED ME?
YOU WERE HEALED BY THE BLOOD OF A BEAST DEMON. I GUESS YOUR HAIR GREW LONG BECAUSE YOUR SELF-HEALING SYSTEM WAS HEIGHTENED BUT IT LOOKS LIKE YOU'RE NOT COMPLETELY HEALED YET
....
EAT UP THIS TIME IT'S TOO MUCH EVEN FOR SOMEONE WHO HAS THE STURDINESS LIKE YOU YOUR FACE COLOR DOESN'T LOOK GOOD EITHER.

FATE WON'T LET SOMEONE WHO IS GRANTED LIFE LIKE YOU TO DIE.....
THE DESTINY .....
I DON'T THINK ..... SOMEONE LIKE ME HAS THAT MUCH WORTH.....
NOT AGAIN. ... DESTINY, AGAIN WITHOUT MY KNOWLEDGE, THE WORLD THAT I DON'T KNOW IS ALWAYS REVOLVING..
.....
... .COME ON, JUST EAT I TOOK THE TROUBLE TO PICK IT UP FOR YOU.
.....
HEY..... GAU.

FIRST, ADMIT ONE THING..... WE, THE VARLS.....
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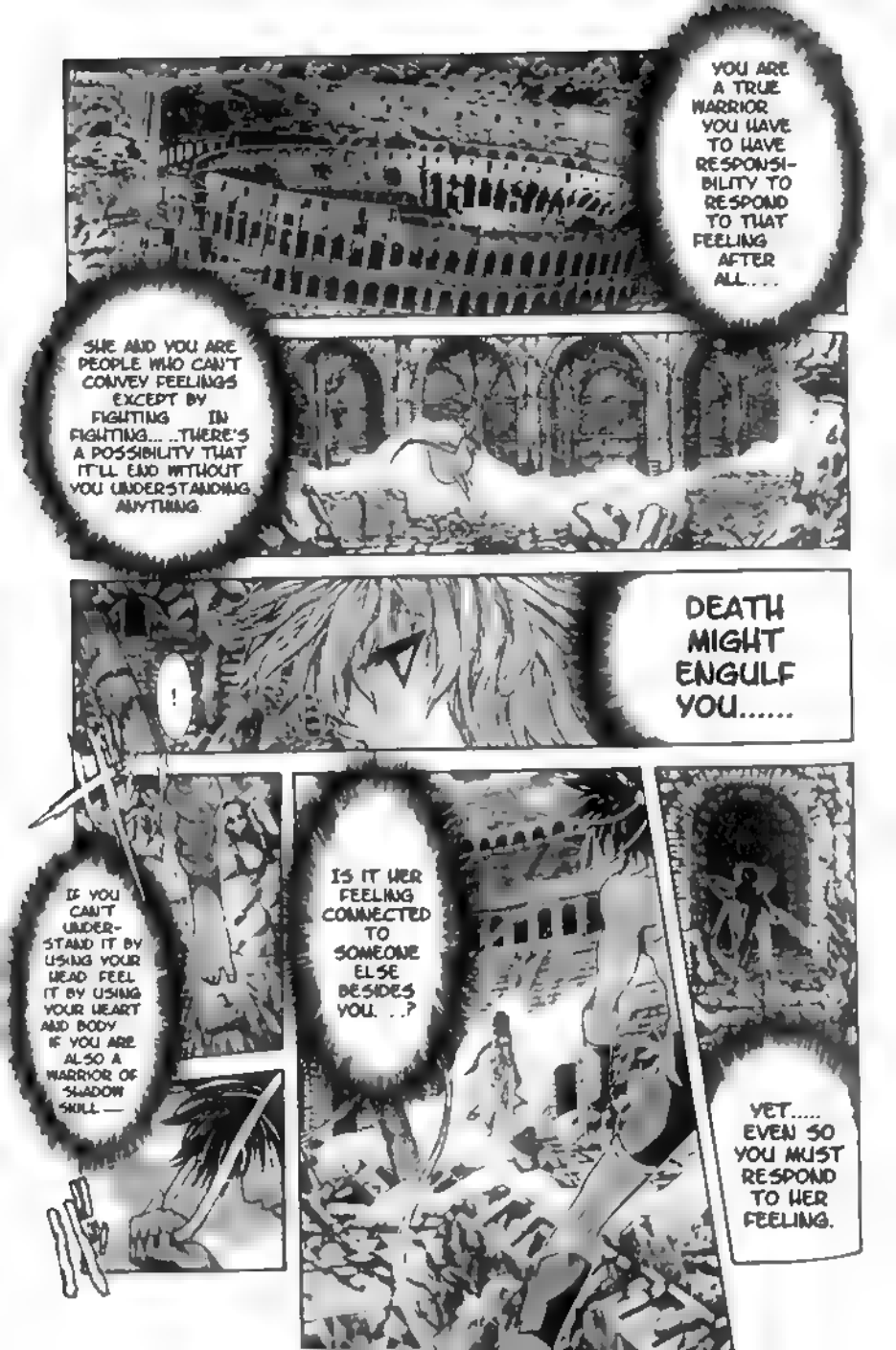
DON'T HAVE WORTH AS HUMANS .....
NO MATTER HOW WE JUSTIFY IT, WE MAKE OUR LIVING AT THE COST OF OTHERS' LIVES — WE'RE SIMPLY
MUR- DERERS.
THAT'S WHY WE'LL NEVER BE ACCEPTED .... . WE ARE TO BE BLAMED FOR ETERNITY .....
WE'RE SINNERS.

THERE ARE NO SINNERS AMONG THE WARRIORS I'VE FOUGHT UP UNTIL NOW!! EVEN AMONG THE PEOPLE I'VE DEFEATED... NOR AMONG THE SPIRITS OF THOSE I'VE KILLED. BECAUSE THEY ARE THE PROOF OF MY VALOR..
THAT'S JUST A LIE!!! I WON'T ADMIT SUCH THING!!
.....NO .....WAY .....
THERE'S NO WAY THE WARRIOR WHO DIED TO PROTECT ME SINNED!!!
WON'T ADMIT... HUH? GAU..... THAT YOU ARE A SINNER .....
SOMEONE WHO KEEPS REPEATING CONVENIENT EXCUSES AND PRIDE
I WON'T ...
THAT ... I WON'T ...
THERE'S NO WAY ELLE-NEE WHO TOOK ME IN AND TEACHED ME THE SKILLS TO LIVE IS A SINNER!!!

WON'T BE ABLE TO [CONNECT].
WITH THE HAPPINESS FROM PROTECTING HUMAN LIVES.
.....CON .....NECT .....?
THE PLACE WE'RE IN NOW IS JUST ONE OF MANY OF THE ANCIENT'S UNDERGROUND BATTLE ARENAS
THE PLACE THAT IS ETCHED WITH THE OPPRESSED DARK HISTORY..... HERE IS FILLED WITH GRIEVES
OF THE SLAVE WARRIORS.
SLA-
VE?

... SO IS THAT WHY SHADOW SKILL HAS ONLY FOOT TECHNIQUES ? FIGHTING WITH THE FREE FEET ..
THE KURUDA FIGHTING TECH-NIQUE SHADOW SKILL.
THE PEOPLE OF KURUDA WERE RULED BY KISHULANA DYNASTY, EXPLOITED AND MADE TO KILL EACH OTHER FOR SHOWS.....
BARE YOUR FREE FANGS . ... WIN YOUR HONOR...
AS A SHADOW SKILL USER I TOO HAVE THE SHACKLES IN MY SOUL. SO I NEED THE COURAGE TO STAND AGAINST THAT
THE WORD (FREEDOM) BECOMES THE VALUE .... BUT THAT'S THE RESULT OF FIGHTING ....
THEIR HANDS WERE BOUND IN SHACKLES SO THEY CREATED THE POWER OF RELEASE, WHICH IS
THERE'S NO VALUE TO THE ONES WHO FIGHT IN THEMSELVES
WE'RE JUST LEAVING THE RESULT OF THE FIGHTS BEHIND ..

LEAVE NOTHING BUT SADNESS AND ANGER. .... LEAVE NOTHING BUT RESULT..... I. .
DON'T UNDER-STAND WHAT A WARRIOR REALLY IS.....
IF THAT'S SO. . . JUST TRY IT ONCE MORE.....
THAT ELLE RAG USES SKILL OF THE SHADOW. . PROVES THAT SHE'S TRYING TO CONVEY SOMETHING WITH HER WHOLE BEING.
THAT IS SOMEONE WHO IS CON-NECTED TO THE VALUE.....
LEAVE THE RESULT OF LIFE AND DEATH BEHIND..... BEAR THE SADNESS AND ANGER.


YOU ARE A TRUE WARRIOR YOU HAVE TO HAVE RESPONSIBILITY TO RESPOND TO THAT FEELING AFTER ALL....
SHE AND YOU ARE PEOPLE WHO CAN'T CONVEY FEELINGS EXCEPT BY FIGHTING IN FIGHTING... ...THERE'S A POSSIBILITY THAT IT'LL END WITHOUT YOU UNDERSTANDING ANYTHING.
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DEATH MIGHT ENGULF YOU.....
IF YOU CAN'T UNDERSTAND IT BY USING YOUR HEAD FEEL IT BY USING YOUR HEART AND BODY IF YOU ARE ALSO A WARRIOR OF SHADOW SKULL —
IS IT HER FEELING CONNECTED TO SOMEONE ELSE BESIDES YOU. ..?
YET..... EVEN SO YOU MUST RESPOND TO HER FEELING.

THEN PUT SHACKLES ON THAT BODY, AND BARE YOUR FREE FANGS.
FACE IT FEAR-LESSLY, MOVE FORWARD WITH YOUR SOUL——
PERCEIVE THE TREMB-LING HEART'S OF THOSE IN BATTLES——
FEEL THE HAILINGS OF YOUR SOULS IN MIDST OF BATTLE.

INTERTWINE YOUR HEARTS ..... FEEL HER SOUL SCREAMING

NO USE ... IT'S IMPOSS-IBLE WITH THE NEXT BLOW

REALIZE THE REASON WHY ELLE RAG GIVING HER ALL AND COMING AGAINST YOU ..... YOU HAVE TO PROGRESS RAPIDLY

YOU HAVE TO BECOME THE BRAVE SHIELD THAT STANDS AGAINST THE STORM PIERCING THIS WORLD

I'LL BE KILLED ...!!

ELLE RAG LOVES YOU DEARLY. IN ORDER TO RAISE YOU UP, SHE FIGHTS STAKING HER OWN PRIDE

I'LL BE KILLED !!!

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DEFEAT IS NOT ALLOWED FOR SEVARLS ..... THAT'S WHY SHE'S BELIEVING IN YOU AND FIGHTING

DESTINY.... FATE..... EVEN THE HOLY QUEEN WISHES YOU TO BE STRONG..... AND THAT HOPE WAS ENTRUSTED TO ELLE RAG.....

I'LL BE KILLED

SHE BE-LIEVES THAT YOU CAN CHANGE DESTINY .....!!

KURUDA'S FIGHTING TECHNIQUE (INRYUU)

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INRYUU AGAIN!!! THIS IS..... THIS POWER

THE POWER OF A LIVING LEGEND !!!

PROVES THE SER-IOUSNESS OF ELLE-NEE..... SHE'S COMPLETELY DIFFERENT THAN BEFORE ..... THIS IS THE POWER ONLY A SEVARL POSSESSES

YOU ARE SOME-ONE WHO HAS NO (VALUE) BUT BRINGS OUT THE (VALUE) OF INTER-TWINING SOULS

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WILL BE THE ONE WHO WILL DE-FEAT HER

BELIEVING THAT THE BLACK HOWLING SHE LOVES FROM THE BOTTOM OF HER HEART, THE ONE INTERTWINED WITH HER OWN SOUL...

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FOR THE SAKE OF BE-ING STRONGER THAN ANYONE ELSE PROTECT THE LOVED ONES WITH PROUD SOU

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SURPASS ME.....

BLACK HOW-LING!

PROVE THAT YOU ARE STRONG BY DEFEAT-ING ME.

I'LL

SHOW

YOU

THAT

MY SHADOW SKILL HAS NO MATCH

FOR ELLE-NEE'S SAKE!!!

I'LL BECOME THE PERSON YOU WISH ME TO BE..... I'LL PROVE IT RIGHT HERE, RIGHT NOW!!!

—— AND

I'VE.. . ALWAYS BEEN THINKING ...

ABOUT WHAT I.. SHOULD DO.. NOT KNOWING THAT, I'VE ALWAYS DISTRESSED OVER IT ... AND.. . FELT VERY AFRAID ..

BUT NOW I'VE FINALLY REALIZED .

THE BEAUTIFUL BEAST THAT STANDS BEFORE MY EYES BLOCKING MY WAY

THE LAST WALL I HAVE TO SURPASS WITH A DETERMINED HEART IS.

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I'M A WORTHY PERSON THAT DEFEATS SHADOW SKILL

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THAT YOU CAN CONVEY HUMAN'S WARMTH INTO CINRYULD, A SKILL THAT PUTS TOO MUCH EMPHASIS ON POWER..... THAT YOU CAN CHANGE IT INTO A MEANINGFUL SKILL.....

I BELIEVE IN YOU ..... THAT YOU, WHO I REALLY, REALLY LOVE, CAN DO WHAT YOUR BIG SISTER CANNOT

FOR ME..... YOUR EXIST-ENCE .....

IS SOME-THING WITH (VALUE) THAT IS IRREPL-ACBALE BY ANY-THING ELSE .....

PEOPLE DON'T KNOW WHAT VALUE THEY THEM-SELVES HAVE ..... VALUE IS SOMETHING THAT IS DECIDED BY OTHERS .....

YOU ARE A HUMAN, TOO, RIGHT? IF YOU KNOW THE MEANING OF VALUE THEN STOP LAYING YOUR HANDS ON THOSE YOU FIND VALUABLE

LOOKS LIKE YOU'VE FORGOTTEN, SO I'LL TELL YOU ..... I AM THE (CARNAGE) THAT COMES ALONG WITH THE (STORM)

I'M (HUMAN) NO MORE, JUST A CREATURE THAT KNOWS ONLY HOW TO FIGHT.....

KURUDA'S SOLDIERS ARE NOT TO BECOME THE SWORDS BUT THE (SHIELD)S ..... IF IT'S TO PROTECT THE LOVED ONES .....THEY'LL BE INVINCIBLE

...SEEMS YOU'VE FORGOTTEN TOO.....

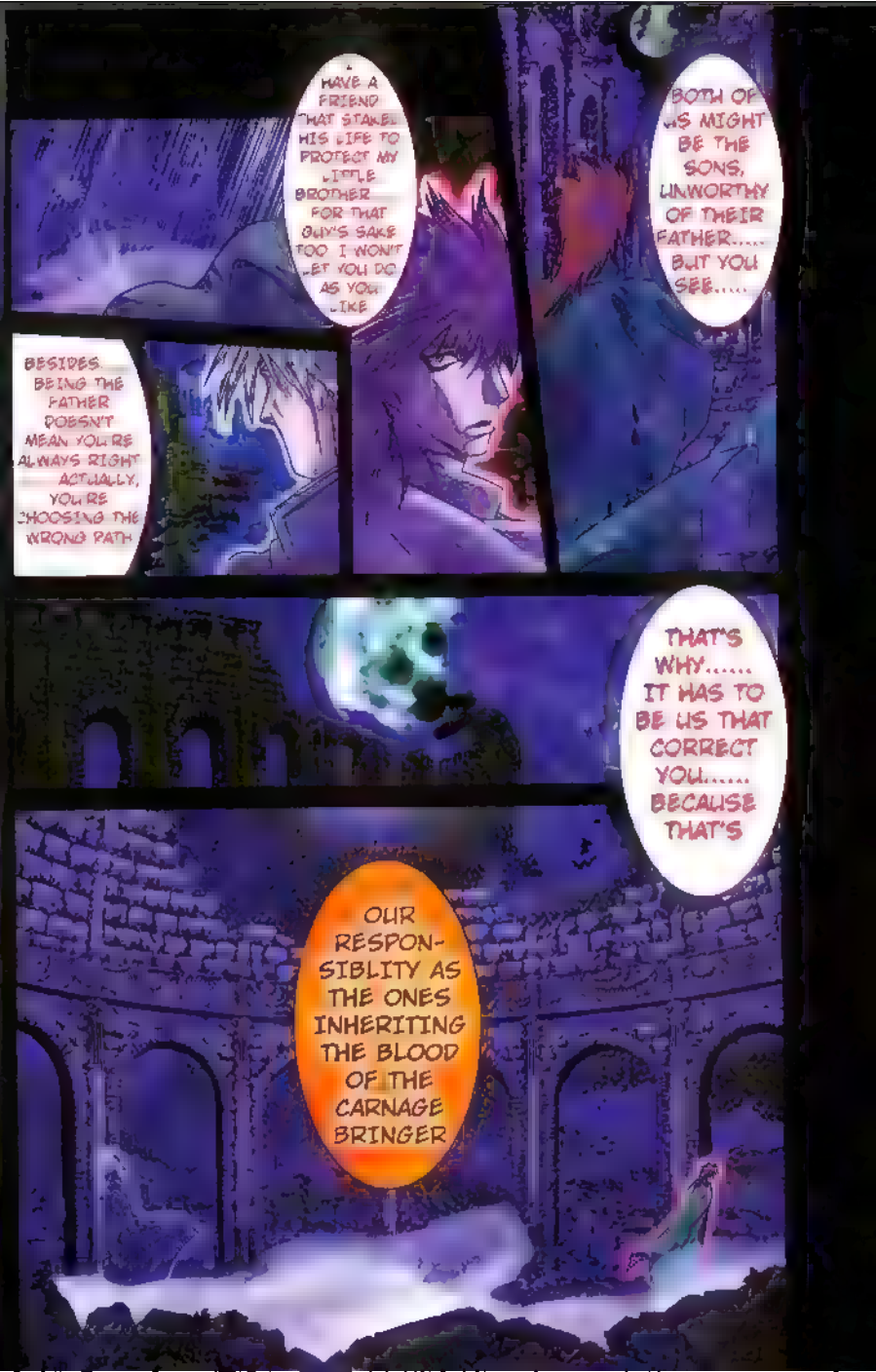
FOR THAT VERY REASON..... I WILL PROTECT HIM..... SINCE IT'S BEEN DECIDED THAT

THE (HUMAN) YOU WON'T BE ABLE TO BECOME THE SWORD THAT STOPS ME

SO THE BIG AND LITTLE BROTHERS WILL GO AGAINST THEIR FATHER TOGETH-ER?.....

FATHER

TO PRO-TECT -:LITTLE BRO-THER:- (GAU-BAND IS A -:BIG BROTH-ER'S:- (MY) DUTY


I HAVE A FRIEND THAT STAKED HIS LIFE TO PROTECT MY LITTLE BROTHER FOR THAT GUY'S SAKE TOO I WON'T LET YOU DO AS YOU LIKE
BOTH OF US MIGHT BE THE SONS, UNWORTHY OF THEIR FATHER..... BUT YOU SEE.....
BESIDES BEING THE FATHER DOESN'T MEAN YOU'RE ALWAYS RIGHT ACTUALLY, YOU'RE CHOOSING THE WRONG PATH
THAT'S WHY..... IT HAS TO BE US THAT CORRECT YOU..... BECAUSE THAT'S
OUR RESPON-SIBLITY AS THE ONES INHERITING THE BLOOD OF THE CARNAGE BRINGER

THEN I BECOME A (LEGEND)

PEOPLE CALL ME THE (STRONGEST) .....

BUT YOU KNOW,..... IT'S NOT LIKE I WANT SUCH A THING.....

THE ONLY ONE (DEFEAT) IN MY LIFE

THE ONE THAT LEAVES..... A BIG SCAR WITHIN ME.....

-1 MONTH AGO-

.....I'VE ALWAYS BEEN THINKING

OF WHY ..... I ADMIRE YOU

NOW .. I FEEL LIKE I FINALLY UNDER-STAND

EVEN THOUGH PEOPLE KEEP CALLING YOU A HERO YOU NEVER BOTHER ABOUT IT AT ALL

YOUR DEATHS WERE NOT FOR NOTHING

I'LL PROVE IT NOW

THAT WON'T SOLVE ANYTHING!!

Please give them back!!

To our hearts' content

HOW ABOUT SAYING THAT YOU CARELESSLY DROP THEM ..... AND DRINK THEM TOGETHER WITH ME HERE?

Haa.....

CAN'T YOU JUST PUT IT ON MY TAB? I'LL BE REALLY GREATFUL, YOU KNOW .....

Come on

T, THAT'S NOT A GOOD REASON .....

EVEN IF YOU SAY THAT..... I DON'T BRING ANY MONEY ..... BUT I REALLY WANT THESE LIQUORS

WELL..... OKAY, IF IT'S JUST FOR A LITTLE BIT.... LIKE JUST A BOTTLE

THERE'S ONE THING I'D LIKE TO ASK YOU.....

AH..... BUT IN RETURN .....

WAAAII, I'M SO GLAD. YOU'RE A NICE GUY, GAU!!

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.....SO WHAT'S THE POINT?

AND YOU LIVE SO FREELY. THAT'S WHAT I LIKE ABOUT YOU.

NO, YOU CAN'T! THE LIQUORS ARE REALLY EXPENSIVE!!

WE'VE JUST BUMPED EACH OTHER BY THE ROADSIDE..... SO TO CELEBRATE THIS COINCIDENTAL MEETING, JUST GIVE ME HALF OF THOSE.

I'LL BE KILLED BY ELLE-NEE!

THAT WOULD BE BAD, HUH?

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I SPENT 3 HOURS WAITING IN LINE AND WAS FINALLY ABLE TO BUY THE SPECIAL SALE LIQUORS. IF I DON'T RETURN WITH THEM,

HUH?

ABOUT THE SCAR, HUH .....

WHAT A FRIVO-LOUS PERSON. IS HE GOING TO TELL IT BY THE ROAD-SIDE?

WHAT ARE YOU MUMBLING ABOUT? WANNA KNOW ABOUT THE SCAR, RIGHT? I'LL TELL YOU TO SIT. COME ON!!!

THIS MAN ... HE'S PREPARING A FEAST BY THE ROAD-SIDE .....

IT'S GONNA BE LONG, SO I HAVE TO MAKE PREPAR-ATION

BACK THEN..... TO STAY LIVING IS A DESPAR-ATE THING FOR EVERYONE .....

ABOUT THE SCAR, HUH..... IT'S A REALLY OLD STORY.....

Well, that was pure so quick

NO..... THAT'S NOT WHAT I MEAN

IT WAS QUICK. WHOOSH, AND I GOT IT!!!

I'VE BEEN WONDERING WHAT KIND OF BATTLE YOU GOT THAT SCAR FROM.....

BUT..... SINCE IT'S A REALLY PERSONAL THING, I'M ALWAYS HESITATING IF I SHOULD ASK.....

IF IT'S A RUDE QUES-TION,..... I APOLOGIZE

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YOUR SCAR, SCARFACE-SAN.....

HOW DID YOU GET IT?

ENDS HERE.

PERHAPS, MY HISTORY AS A WARRIOR .....

COULD I RECEIVE YOUR FINAL BLOW?

AND YOU'LL BECOME THE KING OF THE SOLDIER KINGDOM, KURUDA .....

IF I WIN AGAINST YOU..... I'LL BE THE NEXT SEVARL.....

A [KING] MUST BE PROTECTED BY THE STRONGEST FANGS.....

.....HIGH SEVARLS EXIST TO PROTECT THE KURUDA'S HISTORY OF STRE-NGTH

MARVELOUS STRENGTH, YOUNG MAN

TO CORNER A HIGH SEVARL THIS FAR..... AT SUCH YOUNG AGE.....

I RECOGNIZE YOU—— AS THE STRONGEST WARRIOR

A [HERO] WAS NEEDED.

I'LL USE THEM FOR PRO-TECTING YOU

I BARE MY FANGS TO DEFEAT YOU..... BUT

IF FATE ENGRAVES MY NAME IN HIS-TORY..... THE FANGS MEANT FOR DE-FEATING YOU